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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2002-10**

**An Administrative Order Establishing The Mayor's
Municipal And City Court Review Panel Which Shall
Provide The Mayor With Advice Regarding The
City's Operation Of The Municipal And City Courts.**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta operations include two courts, the City Court of Atlanta and the Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, in light of the City of Atlanta's financial situation, the Mayor has determined that it is appropriate to review all City operations and responsibilities in order to address budget constraints and shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, as part of the process to address the financial situation, a need exists to increase the efficiency of City government, to avoid duplication of resources, and to ensure that the City focuses first on providing essential services to its citizens, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has fiscal responsibility for both courts; and

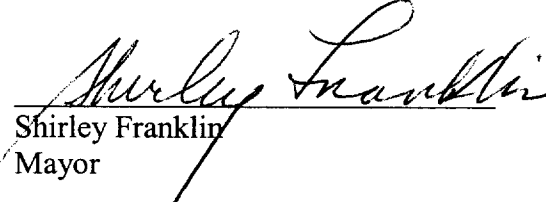
WHEREAS, there has been no recent comprehensive review of the judicial branch of the City of Atlanta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City Charter and Section 2-182(4) of the Code of Ordinances it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. I hereby establish an independent review panel to be known as "The Mayor's Municipal and City Court Review Panel" (hereafter, "the Panel"). The Panel shall consist of three or more members of the State Bar of Georgia with experience in litigation, courts, prosecution and/or other relevant experience.
2. Byron Attridge, Esq. will serve as Chair of the Panel and shall select the members of the Panel consistent with the criteria listed above.
3. The Panel shall advise the Mayor on the court system of the City of Atlanta and whether the current system could be revised in light of the goals of efficiency, avoidance of duplication, focus on essential services and cost savings to the taxpayers.
4. The Panel may seek appropriate assistance from other professionals in the performance of its work.

5. The Panel shall meet periodically as determined by the Chair, and findings shall be communicated to the Mayor as the Panel deems appropriate.
6. The Panel shall provide notification of its meetings to the public, and minutes of the meetings shall be made available to the public through a web site or other means of distribution designed to make them readily accessible. Any presentations of information to the Panel shall be made by invitation of the Panel.
7. The Panel shall provide the Mayor with recommendations regarding potential changes to the court system and shall include in those recommendations an analysis of what action would be needed to accomplish such changes.
8. The Panel shall conclude its work and submit a final report to the Mayor no later than February 28, 2003.

SO ORDERED this 20th day of November, 2002.


Shirley Franklin
Mayor

ATTEST

Municipal Clerk